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must preclude on meeting on Tuesday. Now, the 89 day session which this body supported, I'm sure they have, but not by a formal vote, we could continue on with our deliberations here until Wednesday night, get our bills in position for Friday for our Final Reading vote. After I visited with you this morning, I also visited again with Mr. Barnett and he tells me that if we proceed right directly through for the 90th day on Saturday, we will have the assurance that bills are ready for General File on Thursday evening when we adjourn. They could be read by this body by suspension of the rules by having that bill on General File for one day. For one day, we could read that particular bill on Final Reading on Saturday morning or afternoon, whatever this body decided. So, the question that I am going to give to this body is, that we either proceed with our 89 days and adjourn Friday afternoon which gives us plenty of opportunity for an override position or go one more day and do that on a Saturday which could give us the 90th day. I would guess that this body would decide on one of the two dates. The 89th on a Friday. The 90th on a Saturday. This afternoon I mentioned the concern that I and many members had last Friday afternoon and I give my word to this body that I will attempt to do all that I possibly could that every priority bill would have a fair discussion. I do not believe at this time it is possible unless this body would determine by a 4/5 vote to extend the session to hear those bills. I believe, sincerely believe that it's necessary for this body to determine whether we adjourn on the 89th or 90th day. I think this is the time it's necessary to make a decision. I realize my commitment to this body of having the bills done but unless we stay more then the 90 days, I find myself in a difficult position. Of promising one thing and not being able to fulfill it. I think this would be the case whether we stay here 89 days or 90 days. The only way to overcome it, is a 4/5 vote of this body, of 40 members of this body deciding that we continue on and hear these bills. I would make a motion and I'm going to use my authority as your Speaker for making the date. I would ask this body to make a determination and the first determination should be that we adjourn on the 89th day, on Friday. If that fails, I will then make the next motion that this body continue on on Saturday and by the same token about a Saturday day of business, I know you have read and seen that I have been quoted, I would not by the idea that this body meet on a Saturday unless under these circumstances. I do not and I see the fruitility of asking this body to even meet on a Friday with the absenteeism that we have then and I'm going to make a statement now and may live to regret this also, I see no sense in the next session of ever meeting on a Friday because of the absenteeism. And secondly, this is a problem of a Saturday, but I believe this body will concur with me that a Saturday under special circumstances is acceptable. I move at this time what we do adjourn on the 89th day and I'm going to offer another motion if this